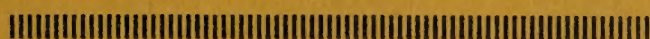




**ST. NEOTS**  
**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**  
AND  
**PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**  
FOR THE YEAR  
**1967**







ST. NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending 31st December, 1967.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1967.

Vital Statistics

Population The steady increase in population which has been occurring since the town development began has continued during the year and almost another thousand people have been added to the estimated mid-year population bringing the total figure up to approximately the 12,000 mark. It is an interesting feature to note that the population of the district has doubled since 1962 when the figure was almost exactly 6,000.

Birth Rate: There were 255 live births credited to the town during the year, giving a corrected Birth Rate of 17.6 per 1,000 population. Although this figure is considerably lower than the rate in 1966, it is still fractionally above the national average.

Death Rate: The crude death rate for the town, although slightly up on last year's figure, is level with the average during the last 5 years. An increase in the comparability factor however, results in the corrected death rate being considerably raised to a level somewhat in advance of the figure for England and Wales as a whole. 68% of the deaths took place in persons of 65 years and over and 43% occurred in persons over 75. The most common cause of death was cardio-vascular disease which accounted for 43% of mortality and malignant disease was responsible for approximately 20% of the deaths in the district.







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Infant Mortality: As in the previous year, four infants died before reaching the age of 12 months. This gives an Infant Mortality Rate of 15.7 - a figure almost identical with that for 1966.

Infectious Disease: An outbreak of measles which began at the beginning of the year and lasted for 7 months accounted for almost 80% of the notifications received. About 250 children between the ages of 1 and 10 were affected during the course of the outbreak which extended over most of the country - 1967 being a "measles year." The remaining notifiable infections followed the usual pattern of incidence and on investigation did not give rise to any undue concern.

### Social Conditions

Main Drainage: Contract 12 progressed favourably during the year for the extension of the Sewerage Treatment Works and the installation of a Paxman 12/1 Sludge Concentration Plant.

A further stage in the Main Drainage programme is being prepared to take the planned expansion of Eaton Socon.

Housing: 155 Council dwellings were completed during the year. These houses were mainly for use in connection with the Council's town development scheme with the Greater London Council and the remainder were for general needs.

In addition to this some 99 private dwellings were completed and occupied during 1967.

Water: Representations have been made both by the County Council and by the Urban District for a fluoridation scheme to be implemented. The Nene and Ouse Water Board have still this problem under consideration.





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In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Ostler and all other members of the Department's staff for the assistance they have given me and for all the work they have carried out during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlement  
Your obedient Servant,

JAMES CALDWELL.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

### STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

J. Caldwell. L.R.C.P. & S. (ED) ., L.R.F.P. & S.  
(GL) D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:

R.A. Ostler. M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Meat Inspector Assistant (Authorised):

D.R. Hill (Cert. of Meat Inspection, R.S.H.)







**St. Neots Urban District.**

**STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS**

**Total Area:**            2,722 acres

St. Neots	996 acres
Eynesbury	395 acres
Eaton Socon	1,331 acres

**Estimated Population:**

Mid - 1966	11,080
Mid - 1967	11,900

**Rateable Value:**

As at 30th September, 1967	£475,927
Product of a penny rate.	£1,914

**No. of inhabited houses:**            3,610







# ST. NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Vital Statistics for the year 1967

Estimated mid-year population ..... 11,900

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	125	118	143
Illegitimate	4	8	12
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Totals	129	126	225
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population ..... 21.4  
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor (.82) 17.6  
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) 17.2

## Still Births

Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Totals	2	2	4
	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 7.7  
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births  
(England and Wales) -14.8

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>103</u>
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Death rate per 1,000 estimated population ..... 9.6  
Death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.42).....12.4  
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (England and  
Wales).11.2







Infant Mortality - Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>
Totals	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

Infant Mortality rate (Deaths of Infants under 1 year  
per 1,000 live births).....15.7  
Infant Mortality rate (England and Wales).....18.3

Table classifying deaths under age groups

<u>Age</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 4 weeks	1	1	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	1	1	2
1 year and under 5 years	-	-	-
5 and under 15 years	-	-	-
15 and under 25 years	-	-	-
25 and under 35 years	4	2	6
35 and under 45 years	1	1	2
45 and under 55 years	2	3	5
55 and under 65 years	12	4	16
65 and under 75 years	18	7	25
75 years and over	18	27	45
	<u>57</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>103</u>
Totals	<u>57</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>103</u>







The following table indicates the trend in population, birth and death rates for the district over the past five years:-

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Population	6,680	7,150	9,900	11,080	11,900
<u>Births</u>					
Total live births	165	174	205	253	255
Crude birth rate	24.9	24.3	20.7	22.8	21.4
Area comparability factor	.94	.85	.89	.89	.82
Corrected birth rate	23.4	20.7	18.4	20.3	17.6
<u>Deaths</u>					
Total Deaths	60	59	86	88	103
Crude death rate	9.0	8.3	8.7	7.9	8.7
Area comparability factor	1.0	1.18	1.10	1.16	1.42
Corrected death rate	9.0	9.7	9.6	9.2	12.4
Death rate (England & Wales)	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2

Notifications of Infectious Disease during 1967

	<u>Total cases notified</u>
Scarlet Fever	34
Whooping Cough	7
Diphtheria	-
Measles	239
Acute Pneumonia	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid	-
Erysipelas	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Infective Hepatitis	1
Food Poisoning	2
Dysentery	1
Totals	<u>288</u>







## TUBERCULOSIS

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1967 ..... 37

Pulmonary ..... 34                      Non-pulmonary ..... 3

### New cases - diagnosed

### New cases - transfers

Age Period	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35... -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	2	1	-	-	2	1	-	-

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952 in connection with persons suffering from Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis.





## CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar General's List)

<u>List No.</u>	<u>Causes</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	2
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	1
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	9	2
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	7
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	14	7
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	2
20.	Other Heart Disease	2	4
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	1	2
23.	Pneumonia	4	3
24.	Bronchitis	3	1
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	1
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-
31.	Congenital Malformations	-	1
32.	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	6	7
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1
34.	All Other Accidents.	2	2
Total all causes		57	46





## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

### a) Laboratory Facilities

The following facilities have been available to this Authority and to the General Practitioners in the area:-

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge  
(Tel: Cambridge 55526)

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.) Tennison Road, Cambridge (Tel: Cambridge 2097)

### b) Ambulance Service

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctor's orders. (Tel: Huntingdon 3348)

### c) Home Nursing

Nurse/Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council carried out home nursing and attended maternity cases in the District.

### d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

(i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	Every Monday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m.	Child Health Centre Nursery Road, Huntingdon.
Infant Welfare	Children (0-5 years)	Thursday 2-4p.m. and 2nd Monday in Month 2-4 p.m.	Child Health Centre Almond Road, St. Neots.





<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Eynesbury Infant Welfare		Every Wednesday 10-12 noon	Child Health Centre Almond Road, St. Neots.
Infant Welfare		Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 2-4 p.m.	The Women's Institute Hall, The Green, Eaton Socon.
Dental	Pre-school and Schoolchildren Pre-natal and Nursing Mothers	Every Tuesday and Thursday 9-12 noon 1.30-4.30 p.m.	The Clinic, Almond Road, St. Neots.

(ii) The following Health Services were provided by the  
Regional Hospital Board:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday 10-12 noon	County Hospital Huntingdon
Venereal Disease	All cases	Tuesday 3-6.30 p.m. Thursday 4-6.30 p.m.	Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge
	Males	Monday 4.30-6.30p.m. Tuesday 5.30-7 p.m.	Out-patients Department
	Females and Children	Tuesday 10.30 - 12.30p.m. Thursday 4.30- 6.30 p.m.	Memorial Hospital Peterborough
Orthopaedic	Pre-school and Schoolchildren	By Appointment	Child Health Centre Almond Road, St. Neots.





(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service:-

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and Schoolchildren	By appointment	Health Centre Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-patients Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

e) Hospital Services

Fever Cases of Infectious Disease requiring Hospital treatment were admitted to Isolation Hospital at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases were admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Hospital and to Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

Clinics run by the Family Planning Association are held at the Health Centre, Nursery Road, Huntingdon every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. and every Tuesday evening 7-8 p.m. at the Health Centre, Almond Road, St. Neots.





REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1967.

To the Chairman and Members of the St. Neots Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to include my report for the year 1967.

With the continued rise in population and expansion of commercial enterprises in the town it has become difficult to pursue an adequate system of regular, routine inspection. Food premises have been visited regularly only where past experience showed persistent deficiencies, and not generally as I would prefer. Similarly only sporadic attention could be given to dwelling-house inspection. I regret this, as although good progress has been made in the current clearance programme, it is believed that other houses suited only for demolition and many more requiring repair and improvement would be revealed by systematic survey.

Inevitably the spread of urbanisation brings problems, among them those of noise and fumes from factories. These are difficult to deal with when established and show the vital need for careful siting and approval of installations from an early stage.

In addition, those who have been long resident, both firms and individuals, need to accept reasonable modification of their old habits in consideration of the residents of new neighbouring estates.

I would like to express my appreciation of the support received from the Chairman and members of the Council, and of the advice and co-operation afforded by yourself and other officers of the Council.

*R.A. Ostler*

R.A. OSTLER  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR





# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

## LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS

### Caravan Site etc. Act 1960

Private site (one caravan only)

1

A further site containing 40 caravans, now under the control of the Council, is being closed down. A new site to be operated by the Council was in an advanced stage of construction at the end of the year.

### Slaughterhouse Act, 1958.

Private abattoir

1

### Slaughter of Animals Act.

Slaughterman's licences (renewal)

8

" " (new)

1

### Game Act 1931.

Game Dealers

3

### Pet Animals Act 1951.

Pet Shops

3

### Food and Drugs Act 1955.

Registrations for storage and sale of icecream, manufacture of preserved foods etc. to date

51

Registration of milk distributors, to date

5

### Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

Storage of petroleum spirit

33

Storage of petroleum mixtures

7

Storage of carbide of calcium

1

Three new storage tanks were tested and approved for licensed storage during the year. Four old tanks were subjected to ullage tests, with satisfactory results.

### Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964.

No of premises on register

4





## INFORMAL FOOD - SAMPLES

The following samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory in Cambridge.

### Icecream

Grade I	-	satisfactory	21
Grade II	-	satisfactory	5
Grade III	-	unsatisfactory	1
Grade IV	-	unsatisfactory	3

The three samples reported as Grade IV were believed to fail owing to faulty sampling or laboratory procedure, as repeat samples from the same sources gave satisfactory results.

The other unsatisfactory sample was from a hotel kitchen, where handling techniques were improved; a repeat sample being satisfactory.

### Water Ice.

5 samples were taken, all being satisfactory.

### Milk

18 samples of pasteurised milk were taken from 2 dealers in the town, and all were satisfactory.

### Water

A total of 32 samples were taken from bacteriological examination, as follows:

From town mains	21 satisfactory
	2 fairly satisfactory.
From public swimming pool	8 satisfactory
	2 fairly satisfactory.





## Water (Cont'd)

No really bad samples were taken. Two mains samples showed 2 coliform organisms (not type 1) in 100 ml. Of the swimming pool samples, two from the outlet end had platecounts of 26 and 54 respectively which were attributed to vegetable matter in the pool.





## MEAT INSPECTION

At the only abattoir in the district, one hundred per cent inspection was maintained by a full-time inspector, who was in attendance during almost the entire period of slaughtering hours, although frequently under pressure during periods of peak kill.

Fortunately, although the times and rates of slaughter vary unpredictably, they are confined to reasonable hours, and it was not found necessary to evoke the new power to fix times of slaughtering under the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966.

The abattoir is fully approved and regularly inspected by the Ministry of Agriculture for the export of meat to the continent. Consignments have been mainly of sheep, and these are additionally inspected by an authorised veterinary officer.

The following table shows the number of animals killed and inspected during 1967, the comparative figures for 1966 being shown in brackets.

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
1,179	8	28	24,519	25,885	51,720
(1,157)	(14)	(26)	(34,939)	(22,489)	(58,625)

High rates of slaughter were maintained, although a sharp reduction in sheep slaughter occurred at the end of the year due to transport difficulties during the foot and mouth disease outbreak.

### Animals affected by disease or injury, and condemnations.

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	3	-	3	4	38
Part or organ condemned	363	1	-	1,331	1,602
Percentage affected	30.9%	12.5%	10.7%	5.4%	6.3%





Animals affected by disease or injury, and condemnations (Cont'd)

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part or organ condemned	1	-	-	-	67
Percentage affected	.08%	-	-	-	.2%

There was a complete absence of cysticerci found during the year, and this circumstance may be explained by the fact that cattle slaughtered were mainly barley-fed.

Poultry

There are at present no poultry-slaughtering establishments in the district, and inspection is limited to visual examination of those exposed for sale.





## REASONS FOR CONDEMNATION

The following are the reasons for the seizure of whole carcasses shown in the table above:

<u>Cattle</u>	....	septic pneumonia	....	3
<u>Calves</u>	....	Septic pneumonia	....	2
		Joint ill (septicaemia)		1
<u>Sheep</u>	....	Septic mastitis	....	1
		Oedema & emaciation	....	2
		Severe injury and bruising		1
<u>Pigs</u>	....	Arthritis	....	9
		Septic metritis	....	1
		Gangrenous wounds	....	1
		Metastatic neoplasms	....	1
		Swine erysipelas	....	2
		Peritonitis and emaciation		1
		Septic Peritonitis	....	2
		Bruising and injury	....	3
		Oedema and emaciation	....	3
		Pyæmia	....	6
		Multiple abscesses	....	9

## UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwt</u>	<u>Lbs</u>
Meat seized at abattoir	10	11	2
Meat at retail shops			102
Cooked meat and meat products			65
Canned meats		1	32
Canned foods other than meat		4	75
	<hr/> 10	<hr/> 18	<hr/> 52 <hr/>





## Food and Drugs Act 1955.

Two cases only were reported of food which was unsound or contained extraneous matter.

A bottle of milk was found after sale to contain pupae of the drosophila fruit fly. This was considered to result from a lapse in inspection at the bottling-washing plant, and the dairy was warned to improve methods of supervision.

The proprietors of a self-service store were also warned in respect of the sale of a slice of meat pie which was in a visibly mouldy state, and advised to reduce both the temperature of display, and the period of exposure for sale, of similar commodities.

It appears evident that many similar lapses are not reported, and it would be to the common interest if complaint to the Council on matters of food purity and hygiene were more general. Manufacturers' advice on the display, rotation and coding of perishable foodstuffs is far too often disregarded by retailers.





## FOOD PREMISES IN DISTRICT

Sweets and Confectionery	7
General Stores	32
Fishmongers	2
Dairies	2
Butchers	12
Bakers	3
Bread and cake shops	3
Hotels	6
Cafes and restaurants	9
Fish Friers	2
Mobile fish friers' premises	1
Licensed premises	38
Greengrocers	6
Pie manufacturers	2
Maltsters	1
Flour Mill	1
Works and School canteens	16

## FACTORIES ACT 1961

	<u>No on register</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>
Factories with mechanical power	67	9
Workplaces	6	1
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	73	10
	<hr/>	<hr/>

## OUTWORKERS

The number of outworkers employed within the district is as follows:-

Assembly and painting of plastic toys	50
Leather work and glove manufacture	11
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	61
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No instances were found of work in unwholesome premises.





OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

A. Registration and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	No of premises registered during year	No of premises registered at end of year	No of premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices	2	37	2
Retail Shops	-	80	14
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	4	-
Catering establish- ments, canteens	-	15	3
Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
	2	137	19

Total number of visits of all kinds made 56

The total number of persons employed in these premises was 833  
(345 males and 488 females)





B. Analysis of Contraventions.

Section	No of contraventions found	
4	Cleanliness	2
5	Overcrowding	1
6	Temperature	3
7	Ventilation	1
8	Lighting	2
10	Washing facilities	2
11	Supply of drinking water	1
16	Floors, passages & stairs	3
17	Fencing exposed machinery	3
23	Prohibition of heavy work	1
24	First Aid	5
		24

C. Exemptions.

No new applications were received, but one existing exemption was extended in respect of the provision of adequate sanitary conveniences and running water.

D. Prosecutions.

None were instituted during the year.

E. Accidents.

Five accidents were reported during the year. None were fatal. In three cases improvements were required to reduce the chances of future accident.





## HOUSING

### A. Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts.

(1) <u>Sections 9, 10 and 16. Housing Act 1957.</u>	
No of notices served - <u>Informal</u>	Nil
<u>Formal</u>	4
(2) <u>Public Health Acts.</u>	
No of notices served - 11. <u>Informal</u>	8
<u>Formal</u>	3
No of houses repaired after service of notices -	
	7

### B. Beyond Repair - Housing Act 1957.

1. Undertakings accepted (Sec.16)	....	1
2. Closing Orders made (Sec.17)	....	-
3. Demolition Orders made (Sec.17)	....	2
4. Houses demolished	....	2
5. Closing Orders made (Sec.18)	....	3
6. Closing Orders determined (Sec.27)	....	-
7. Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted	....	-

### C. Clearance Areas.

No of clearance areas represented	2
No of dwellings in above	14
No of dwellings in clearance areas demolished	14

### D. Improvement Grants (information supplied by Engineer and Surveyor)

#### (1) Standard Grants.

1. No of applications approved	
(a) owner/occupiers	3
(b) tenanted houses	3





#### D. Improvement Grants (Cont'd)

2. No of dwellings improved	
(a) owner/occupier	3
(b) tenanted houses	3
3. Amount paid in grants	£641. 10. Od.
4. Average grant per house.	£107. 0. Od.
5. Amenities provided	
(a) fixed bath	6
(b) washhand basin	6
(c) hot water supply	5
(d) W.C.(within dwelling)	6
(e) food stores	5

#### (a) Discretionary Grants.

1. No of applications approved.	
(a) owner/occupiers	4
(b) tenanted houses	2
2. No of dwellings improved	
(a) owner/occupier	2
(b) tenanted houses	1
3. Amount paid in grant	£809. 10. Od.

#### E. Improvement Areas - Housing Act 1964.

No improvement areas have been declared to date. No representations were received requesting improvement from individual tenants.

#### F. Rent Act 1957.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received, nor were there any applications for cancellation of existing certificates.

#### G. Houses in Multiple occupation.

There is only one known house in this category, for which informal control has been found adequate.





## RODENT CONTROL

No of all types of property in district	4,608
Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice	419
Number found infested with (a) rats	244
(b) mice	57

Following retirement of the Council's rodent operative in October, control was performed by a contractor, Messrs. South Beds. Pest Control. A free service is provided for control of vermin and insects in domestic premises, and for baiting of sewers and Council properties. No service is now offered to business premises or farms.

## NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Among several noise problems encountered during the year, that causing most general complaint was a factory assembling boiler plate, situated only some sixty feet from the nearest dwelling-houses.

Following interviews with the firm it was agreed to appoint an acoustical expert who made a fair independent survey. Recommendations were made which if followed should reduce the noise considerably, although elimination will not be possible owing to the nature of the industry and its location.











